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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM LEONCE NGENDAKUMANA, PRESIDENT
OF THE FRODEBU POLITICAL PARTY (FRONT FOR DEMOCRACY IN BURUNDI)

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1. Embassy Bujumbura received a congratulatory letter for President-Elect Barak Obama dated November 6, 2008, from the Honorable Lonce Ngendakumana, President of the Sahwnaya FRODEBU Party (Front for Democracy in Burundi). The original letter is being forwarded to the Department for transmission to the President-elect's transition team. The text follows below.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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Cabinet du President

Bujumbura, November 6, 2008

His Excellency Barak OBAMA
President of the United States of America
Washington D.C.

Re: Congratulations message

Your Excellency,

The political party FRONT FOR DEMOCRACY IN BURUNDI (FRODEBU) is overjoyed by the victory of the Democratic Party in the United States of America, by which the American People raised Your Excellency to the Presidency of the United States of America.

I take this opportunity to address the congratulations of the FRODEBU political party to Your Excellency.

This is a victory of democracy, and not only for the American People, but also for all the people who are fighting for the democratic ideal throughout the world. I believe this will strengthen the democratic values particularly in Africa, where democracy is still endangered by exclusion and intolerance, therefore jeopardizing the sustainable peace and development the people need.

The FRODEBU political Party also sends its deepest sympathies on Your sad loss. Your Grandmother will be greatly missed. We pray for her to rest in peace.

The FRODEBU party assures Your Excellency always to support and act for the victory of democracy in Burundi and in the world.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

The President of the Sahwanya FRODEBU Party,

The Honorable Lonce NGENDAKUMANA

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